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Dear Mr. Priester:

Re: United States Standards for Grades of Globe Artichokes
Docket #FV-05-305

By letter dated June 27, 2005 I forwarded to your attention (copy enclosed) comments on behalf of Western Growers Association after conducting a survey with our globe artichoke growers, shippers and packers. At that time it was determined that §51.3789 Properly Trimmed, §51.3791 Fairly Compact and §51.3793 Damage, should be possibly revised. Western Growers still stands behind those comments. The additional item now being raised is the U.S. No. 1 long stem grade. Western Growers on behalf of its Globe Artichoke growers, shippers and packers support this revision; as well as all other revisions and proposals as outlined in the Federal Register Volume 70, #175/Monday/September 12, 2005 Notice.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to present these comments.

Very truly yours,

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